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ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RECOMMENDING

THAT THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FEBRUARY 12, 1909, BE SET APART AS A SPECIAL HOLIDAY.

JANUARY 19, 1909.—Read; referred to the Committee on the Library and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have received from the committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, with the approval of its commander in chief, a communication running, in part, as follows:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the committee authorized by the Forty-first National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, and appointed "to take into consideration the fitting celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln," which was made a report to the Forty-second National Encampment that was unanimously adopted, the undersigned having been appointed a committee to prepare a programme for the occasion, met in New York City October 19, 1908, and submits the following as the result of its deliberations:

(1) That the commander in chief be requested to invite the President of the United States, governors of States and Territories, and mayors of cities, to participate with the Grand Army of the Republic in public recognition of the centennial anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1909, and by proclamation, as far as practicable, recommend that the day be observed as a special holiday.

I regard the proposal as eminently proper. It will be from every standpoint desirable to observe this hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln as a special holiday. I recommend that Congress pass a law authorizing me to issue a proclamation setting apart this day as a special holiday.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE. *January 18, 1909.*

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